

REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-13, 20-29, 35-41 and 48-56 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Murschall in view of Sneed. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Independent claims 1 and 29 have been amended to specify that “the surface roughness (SRa) of the at least one A layer is 171nm or less.” These amendments are supported by the specification Examples 1-13, which are described in paragraphs [0031] to [0039] and Table 1.

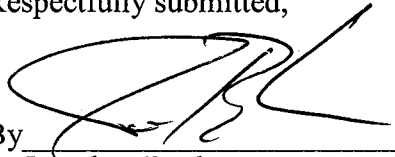
This application is directed to a "smooth" matte film. As described in the specification, a film with the claimed features can be achieved by producing a smooth film that includes relatively large particle sizes. See paragraphs [0032]-[0039].

Murschall describes a film that utilizes particles with an average diameter of 1-5 μ m, however, the surface roughness of the matte layer is more than 200nm. See Table 1 in Murschall. Further, although Sneed describes using talc as one of fillers, Sneed fails to describe or suggest producing a film with a matte layer with the claimed smoothness. Since Murschall and Sneed fail to describe or suggest a matte layer that possesses the claimed smoothness, the rejection of claims 1 and 29 should be withdrawn. Further, the rejection of claims 7-13, 20-28, 35-41 and 48-56, which depend from claims 1 and 29, should be withdrawn for at least the same reasons.

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